

*Representative Linda Lawson  
urges you to educate yourself about*



# **Medicare Fraud.**

It could be a friendly voice on the phone, or someone nice at the door. “Have you heard about the new Medicare Prescription Drug Cards? We can sign you up for yours right now. All we need is your Medicare number...”



This tactic has worked in many states, including Indiana: Seniors innocently give information to strangers and end up the victim of Medicare fraud. Don't let it happen to you or someone you care for. Please see the back of this card for information on the new Medicare Prescription Cards and ways to protect yourself against Medicare fraud.

Call 1-800-986-3505 to report Medicare fraud.



*An important message from Representative Lawson*

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- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has approved a number of discount drug cards available to all eligible Medicare beneficiaries beginning June 1. With the new cards, Medicare beneficiaries will receive discounts on certain prescription drugs. The Department is offering several tools to help seniors compare and choose the cards providing the best savings when they become available. These may be found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).
- But with the announcement of the drug card program, a number of potential drug card scams have arisen. Medicare beneficiaries and their family members should be cautious when approached to buy a discount drug card, and should keep the following in mind:
- ➔ Never share personal information such as a bank account number, social security number or Medicare number with any individual who calls or comes to the door claiming to sell any Medicare related product.
  - ➔ All card programs approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will bear the Medicare Rx seal.
  - ➔ Marketing and enrollment for the Medicare-approved discount drug card program will begin in May, 2004. Card sponsors will advertise their cards on television, radio, newspapers and direct mail. No individual should receive a call from a card sponsor unless they have requested further information from an ad or direct mail piece.



**If you suspect Medicare fraud, call 1-800-986-3505.**

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